

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/014379 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached, as required under 37 CFR § 1.72(b). The Applicants herein amend Claims 2-15 and 17-20 to comply with proper U.S. format. The Applicants also herein cancel Claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer. The amended claims find support in the as-filed specification. Therefore, none of these amendments introduces any new matter. Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

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